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HALL, THE MAN OF SILENCE**

In politics men are apt to revert to the style of the fairy books and drama-tize virtue and vice in form of individ-uals. We are sometimes short on po-litical heroes who embody all the vir-tues, but we are seldom short on polit-ical ogres who embody all the vices. Back as far as the memory of living men reaches, Tammany Hall has fur-nished the favorite specimen of ogre found in the country. Other, crer, might fall us in time of need by shame-lessly displaying some redeeming qual-ities, especially after an election; but we have always fallen back upon the big chief of Tammany Hall, whoever he might be, with unshaken faith in his diabolical wickedness. He is the real monster who never grows good. And of all the Tammany ogres, none other since the days of Tweed has filled the role so well as Murphy has filled it. Croker took the part pretty well, but he is too good-looking a man, in spite of the bulldog qualities in his face, to inspire the due amount of horror. But Murphy is not good-looking. His out-standing ears, his thick lips, his dull, un-revealing eyes, his large chops, as-sist the imagination. One may easily read into his rather formless features whatever one's fancy dictates. Yet, as a matter of fact, according to Robert Adamson, manager of the fusion forces, Murphy is fifty per cent. better than Croker was. Not Murphy but the Tam-many system, says Adamson, is the real peril to good government.

Talked Of but Little Known
No other man in America is so much talked about and so little known. None other has had thrown at his head so many charges with so few specifica-tions. For more than ten years he has been the Tammany chief and never until now has there been talk of hav-ing him indicted. Hennessy is the first man to make his charges specific and if they are proved in a court of law, Mr. Murphy may soon find the ultimate disagreeing with him. The offense with which he is charged—re-ceiving campaign contributions and not accounting for them—is now a criminal offense in New York State, made so by a law passed only two years ago.

What was the early life of Charles Francis Murphy? Very little seems to be known by the newspapers and magazine biographers. He used to drive a street-car in the streets of New York. It is said, his two brothers, John and William, ran a saloon at one time, and rumor has it that Charles, the younger brother tended bar. But no one speaks with assurance as to his early activi-ties. "Who's Who in America" gives to his career just five and one-half lines. He was born in New York City fifty-five years ago. He was educated at the public schools. Being Irish, the three Murphy boys were all Tammany adherents before they could vote. In these early days when Tammany Hall was a sort of Irish clan, William was a Tammany leader when Charles was still in kindergarten. By a natural process, Charles developed into an office holder, becoming commissioner of docks and ferries. As far back as 1892 when he was but 34 years old, he became chairman of the Tammany Hall Democracy. Croker then being chief. When Croker stepped out in 1902, Lewis Nixon went in to make a new Tammany, but gave it up in des-pair after a few months. A triumvirate was selected to govern, of which Murphy was a member. "Two-spot," "Joke" and "Sport." Deverly derisively called the three men. Murphy was "Sport," and in a few more months his success in not making personal en-mies securing him the undisputed chieftainship. The truth is Tammany was all at sea as to a leader. No man seemed to have the qualifications, and after waiting as long as they dared, the braves rallied around Murphy for his negative virtues. He was not elect-ed. No one was ever elected chief of the Tammany tribe. Croker once ex-plaind the process as follows: "A leader in Tammany is not made. He is like Tony—he just grows. It is this way: the district leaders come to re-gard one of their number as most com-petent to lead and naturally they defer to him. The executive committee does not select any one. It may select an assistant for a leader, and he may de-velop into a leader, but there is no actual election of a leader."

In Command Ten Years
For ten years Murphy has reigned with a fair degree of success. He was wary. He did not pick out typical Tammany men for his leading candi-dates. After a hard struggle, he ex-tended his power to Brooklyn. He extended it to the state organization. He won elections, but he had to nominate men he could not control in order to win them. He nominated Hearst for governor a man whom he hated. He nominated Dix who was not a Tammany man, and Sulzer, who was, but whom he could not control. He elected McClellan and Gaynor to the mayoralty and they both kicked over the traces. When he picked McCall for mayor this year, a reliable Tammany man, everything indicated his election. The sudden death of Gaynor, a little later and the tre-mendous crash attending Sulzer's im-pachment upset all calculations. No Tammany leader since Tweed has faced such a debacle as Murphy now faces. He has lost nearly everything and lost it not for two but for four long years. With four lean years just behind him and four more lean years just ahead of him, the situation looks more desperate not only for him as leader but for the very existence of Tammany Hall than ever before since the famous organization was formed. He has lost control of the state gov-ernment and the Democratic Presi-dent is picking out his enemies for fed-eral offices. Franklin D. Roosevelt, leader of the anti-Tammany Democrats in the legislature, has been given a high post in the federal government. McAdoo is



Charles Francis Murphy, "boss" of Tammany Hall.

secretary of the treasury. John Fur-roy Mitchell was selected for collector of the port. There never was such a chance to give the tiger his death-blow as there is today.

Still Murphy sits silent and splan-like. Still he whispers and nods. "Of all leaders in political organization life," says one writer, "he talks the least and listens the most." He listens but he does not comment. He has few intimates—not more than half a dozen men, perhaps, to whom he will talk without reserve. A writer in the Chi-cagoTribune gives us this description: "Amassed Large Fortune
"Murphy has a big desk at Tammany Hall—a big, impressive desk—upon which he leans, but does not write. He does not believe in writing. During a campaign he is there every day. One by one his organization leaders are ad-mitted and invited to sit in the chair drawn close to that of the boss. Then the two of them put their heads to-gether—ear to lip and lip to ear—and whisper. Tammany is probably the greatest organization of the most ex-pressive noddors in politics. Likewise one of the most expensive. A nod from Murphy—and kingdoms fall. During these conferences he never takes a note. Whatever goes into his heads stay there. Perhaps forever and eye. Perhaps for only so long as it will take him to pass it on to the prop-er divisional aid."

Most of his followers must see him, if at all, at Tammany Hall. A chosen few, however, see him at Delmonico's, where he has a private room and a private table. He has a town home at 305 East-Seventeenth street, a country estate at Good Grounds, private rooms at the Oakland golf course, a room at the Shinnecock golf course, and he takes time pretty regularly each year to go to Atlantic City and to Hot Springs.

Everywhere he goes he carries his privacy and reticence with him. Even to a state convention Murphy goes in a private car surrounded by a few of his henchmen, and when at the convention he remains invisible to all but a few in his hotel apartment. "Sel-dom does he show himself in public. Now and then he may be seen for a moment or two in the lobby of the hotel, but usually when he leaves his room is to go to some quiet, secluded eating place where he may be sur-rounded by his friends and where, un-watched by the curious, they may set their heads as close together as the size of the table and the assembled food permits, and there settle the hash of the people as well as that of the proprietor."

Where does he get his money? Bourke Cockran, who was for years an insider in Tammany Hall, declares that Murphy has amassed a private fortune of \$15,000,000. Says Cockran: "Sulzer merely made the great mistake of supposing that his nomination en-titled him to prey as the inside direc-tor of selected bosses always has preyed. Now I know that for every campaign a fund large enough to run six cam-paigns has been raised, and that this fund has largely gone by secret chan-nels to swell the \$15,000,000 of Mr. Murphy's private fortune."

We shall probably know more about Mr. Murphy's sources of income in the rear future. Mr. Hennessy's charges and specifications are in the hands of District Attorney Whitman, and a spe-cial panel has been ordered for a grand jury.

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at Sea Have Very Narrow
Escape from Death

(By Latest Mail)

SAN FRANCISCO—Floating for two days in an open boat on the sur-face of the storm-tossed Pacific, with his wife, two small daughters and a crew of sixteen men, Captain G. H. Masters, one of the best-known mariners on the coast and commander of the ill-fated bark Battle Abbey, which burned about the middle of January, arrived here yesterday on the steamer Deaver from Astoria, where he had been taken by the German bark Elbek which rescued the survivors.

The Battle Abbey left Newcastle New South Wales, December 31, for a 5000-mile trip to Vancouver, B. C. When hardly half way over a fire broke out in the coal cargo. Battening down the hatches to choke out the flames, Captain Masters ordered all sail crowded on the ship in an effort to reach the Pacific Coast. For three weeks the race against cremation in mid-ocean continued until the ship filled with gas and made further effort useless. The passengers took to the small boats about 500 miles from the Santa Barbara coast and struck out for land.

After battling for two days with the storm that thrashed the Pacific ocean north and south, they were picked up by the Elbek through the merest chance, while the German ship, having lost some of her top construction, was drifting. The spot where the rescue was effected is considerably out of the beaten paths of travel and the ac-cidental presence of the Elbek was all that saved the valiant commander from further privations and possible death.

"When our cargo caught fire the hold filled with gas rapidly," said Cap-tain Masters. "We were afraid the hatches would blow off. I tried to make the coast, but the pressure be-neath the deck became too strong and I finally decided that I would trust to the small boats. It was the mere ac-cident that we were rescued the way we were, as vessels hardly ever go where our course lay. We figured that we could reach the United States in about ten days' hard rowing."

Captain Masters has been a master mariner for forty-five years, and has only one other vessel loss to his ac-count in that time, the former in-stance being a sailing ship on the At-lantic coast that foundered in a storm. Everything except the clothing he and his family wore was on the ill-starred Battle Abbey and went up in flames.

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